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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM BRUCE

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SUBJECT: TURKISH REACTION TO CONGRESSIONAL VOTE ON ARMS SUPPLY

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1. THERE ARE SEVERAL STEPS WE MIGHT CONSIDER IN THE NATO CONTEXT  
TO ATTEMPT TO MODERATE TURK REACTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL VOTE  
ON JULY 24.

A. AN IMMEDIATE PUBLIC GESTURE SUCH AS YOUR SUGGESTION OF  
MESSAGES FROM LUNS TO DEMIREL COUNSELING RESTRAINT AND TO  
PRESIDENT FORD URGING FURTHER EFFORTS TO RESCIND THE MILITARY  
CUTOFF. I DISCUSSED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH ACTING SYG PANSA  
JULY 25. WE CONCLUDED THAT AS AN INITIAL STEP, INSTEAD OF SUCH  
MESSAGES OR AN EARLY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE SUBJECT TO WHICH  
WE MIGHT PUBLICLY REFER, THE NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN WOULD MAKE  
THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE PRESS TODAY (JULY 25):

QUOTE. ON 22ND JULY PRIOR TO THE VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SUSPENSION OF ARMS DELIVERIES TO  
TURKEY, THE SECRETARY GENERAL, MR. LUNS, EXPRESSED THE HOPE  
THAT THE VOTE WOULD BE POSITIVE AND THAT ARMS DELIVERIES  
WOULD BE SPEEDILY RESUMED. AT THAT TIME HE STATED THAT THIS  
WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE  
AND OF THE SOUTHERN FLANK IN PARTICULAR, BEARING IN  
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MIND TURKEY'S IMPORTANT POSITION IN THAT REGION. IT  
IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT THIS HOPE HAS NOW NOT BEEN FUL-  
FILLED AS A RESULT OF THE NEGATIVE VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE SERIOUS DANGER OF WEAKENING

ALLIED SECURITY IN THAT VITAL AREA. UNQUOTE.

WE MIGHT RETURN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MESSAGES FROM LUNS AT A LATER TIME WHEN WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF THE NEXT TURK AND US STEPS. LUNS IS IN GERMANY AND WILL NOT RETURN TO BRUSSELS UNTIL AGUST 18. MY CONVERSATION WITH PANSA WILL BE REPORTED TO HIM TODAY, AND HE WILL BE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER TO US ANY VIEWS HE MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT. ALSO, IT WILL BE SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE A STATEMENT NEXT MONDAY OR TUESDAY IF ONE WOULD BE CONSIDERED HELPFUL. I BELIEVE LUNS SHOULD NOT GO TO ANKARA OR COMMUNICATE WITH DEMIREL. HE IS ALREADY REGARDED AS PRO-TURK, AND IS DISTINCTLY PERSONA NON GRATA WITH THE GREEKS. ANY SUCH INTERVENTION BY HIM WOULD, I BELIEVE, NOT INFLUENCE THE TURKS WHO ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH HIS SUPPORT FOR THEM, AND WOULD MERELY FURTHER EXACERBATE THE GREEKS.

B. BILATERAL APPROACHES TO KEY ALLIES IN CAPITALS--OR PREFERABLY BY ALLING IN NATO AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON. DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE MILITARY IMPACT OF POSSIBLE TURKISH REACTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL VOTE, WE COULD REQUEST ALLIES TO URGE MODERATION ON TURKS THROUGH BILATERAL CHANNELS--AS WELL AS IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH MIGHT ALSO DEPLORE ADVERSE IMPACT OF AID CUTOFF ON SECURITY OFNALLIANCE AS A WHOLE.

C. CONSULTATIONS IN NATO. WHEN WE HAVE A CLEARER IDEA OF TURKISH REACTION, WE MIGHT STIMULATE CONSULTATIONS IN NATO ON THE IMPACT ON THE ALLIANCE OF THE ELIMINATION OR CUTBACK OF US FACILITIES IN TURKEY. THERE IS A BACKGROUND AND BASIS FOR SUCH ACTION SINCE THE TURKS INFORMED THE COUNCIL ON JUNE 25 OF THEIR JUNE 17 NOTE ON US MILITARY FACILITIES. AT THAT TIME, WE WELCOMED THE TURKISH MOVE OF INFORMING THE COUNCIL AS CONSISTENT WITH TURKEY'S POSITION THAT MEASURE TAKEN BY ALLIES WHICH AFFECT MUTUAL SECURITY ARE A MATTER OF COMMON CONCER. I BELIEVE WE COULD ARRANGE COUNCIL OR DPC DISCUSSION TO EMPHASIZE THE COMMON CONCERN OF POSSIBLE TURK ACTIONS AGAINST US FACILITIES--WITHOUT OURSELVES APPEARING TO TAKE THE LEAD IN

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INITIATING THESE DISCUSSIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, LUNS AND PERHAPS EVEN A MAJORITY OF NATO PERMREPS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS NEXT WEEK. BOTH THE TURKISH AND GREEK AMBASSADORS ARE ALREADY ABSENT ON VACATION.

D. IN THE LONGER TERM, NATO'S RESPONSIVENESS TO TURK CONCERNS OVER THE IMPACT OF GREEK ACTIONS ON TURK COMMUNICATIONS, REGIONAL AIR DEFENSE, OVERFLIGHTS, AND EXERCISES MAY INFLUENCE TURK RESPONSIVENESS TO NATO APPEALS FOR TURK MODERATION. PROGRESS ON SOME OF THESE CONCERNS, SUCH AS OVERFLIGHTS, WILL DEPEND ON GREEK-TURK NEGOTIATIONS AND THERE IS LITTLE SCOPE FOR DIRECT NATO ACTION. HOWEVER, IN OTHER AREAS, SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS OR EXERCISES, A SPECIAL NATO EFFORT TO

ACCOMMODATE TURKEY MAY BE USEFUL. WE WILL BE ON THE LOOKOUT  
FOR SPECIFIC GESTURES WE MIGHT TAKE IN THE NATO CONTEXT  
REGARDING THESE TURKISH CONCERN.

2. PERSONALLY I FEEL THAT DISCUSSIONS IN NATO WOULD HAVE  
LITTLE IF ANY IMPACT IN TURKEY AT THIS TIME. PERMREPS WOULD  
REFER PROPOSALS MADE IN NATO TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS, THE NATO  
AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON WOULD, I BELIEVE, BE MORE EFFECTIVE.  
BUT, ABOVE ALL, UNLESS IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE, A POWERFUL  
STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT CONDEMNING THE HOUSE ACTION AND  
DECLARING HE WILL VIGOROUSLY PUSH FOR RECONSIDERATION WOULD  
SEEM TO ME THE MOST APPROPRIATE MOVE AT PRESENT.

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